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Letter from Mississippl.

JACKSON, January 5, 1873.

To the Editor of the New National Era: In a back number of your paper, some few weeks ago, we noticed a letter from your able correspondent "Civis." His remarks seemed to be mostly confined to the condition of our sister States - that is, in regard to their polities, and also to our own State; and in spealing about the politics of this State he says. We are afraid, however, that parties from throad, seeing how harmoniously Mis-sissipi politics are managed, think they can ere, make a little display, and play upon the fancies of our leading men and walk right into a good fat office with a fine ushished chair." Now, we are of the opinstandso which in fear of these adventuring carpe-baggers as "Civis." But work on "Civis." you will, in the course of time, (when the people see fit.) get a right fat office. We hope that you may. But do not be so selfish; be liberal, and have a fair light for these fat offices, and all who want to come and give them encouragement to come; and when they get here it may be that they will change their minds and go to farm, and of course, they will be a great blue. standso much in fear of these adventuring carpe-baggers as "Civis." But work on "Civis," you will, in the course of time, and, of course, they will be a great help to the country. We must confess that some our aspiring adopted sons of the State are itching for fat offices; but we all can't et offices as we go into a foreign country, so we must wait. I will admit that I have got a fat office, which pays me very well indeed, and I am not afraid that others will ome in and push me out. "Civis," I will tell you what my office is, (it may be possible that you, if watchful and attentive to business, can also get an office similar to mine,) it is farming, raising cotton, corn, potatoes, &c. I do not wish to enter into any controversy whatever. I will not extend my remarks further.

Singular Ceremony.

A Jewish Wedding in Algeria-Steaming and Bathing the Bride.

From the subjoined sketch of a Jewish wedding in Algeria, extracted from the recent work of Lady Herbert on "Algeria in 1871," will be seen what a fearful and wonderful thing the ceremony as practiced at the present day in that country is. Particularly harsh is it upon the poor bride, so much so that our American maids would doubtless declare, almost to a man, that sooner than endure all the steaming, scrubbing, lumigating, parbolling, dressing, undressing, hallooing, palm-singing, and miscellaneous torture described by the tourist, they would remain single all their born days. The account runs thus in Lady Herbert's language:

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ddy obtained us an invitation. We were kindly obtained us an invitation. We were received in an alcoved room, where a break-fast of sweetmeats, cakes, and sweet wines was set out, the bride and her parents being seated on a divan on one end, dressed in rich Jewish costume. After a short time we were told to precede the young lady to the Moorish vapor bath, which is the next part of the ceremony. Such a marvelous scene as there met our eyes. I despair of reproducing on paper. About fifty young Jewish girls, from twelve to twenty years of age, whose only tolhing was a scarf of gold or silver gauze round their loins, with their beautiful dark hair all down their backs, and their lovely white necks and arms covered with necklaces and bracelets, were seen dimly standing in the water through a cloud of steam and incease, waiting for the bride, and when she appeared received her with loud, shrill cries of "Li! I! I! I!" in a continually ascending scale.

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their shoulders, with their beautifully mod-cied arms rounded in graceful curves as they have themselves round the bride, would have themselves round the bride, would have But I could not get over the in-terior of the whole thing; it was a scene

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sumes that none of the over two and a half millions of persons engaged in mining and mechanical pursuits, except the capitalists and owners of works, are in any manner benefited by the tariff, and that the others are only oppressed and plundered by it. Perhaps, then, he will be good enough to explain to the workingmen of the United States, who now rejoice in liberal wages and comfortable homes, why they happen to be so much better off than their brethren in England, Ireland, Spain, Turkey, and India, who have all the wonderful blessings of free trade. Elsewhere in the same article he admits that the census figures are on the whole gratifying, saying:

families constituting a tentold larger demand for the food products of American farms than does all the outside world together. There can be no diversity of pursuits without protection, and when industry has not been diversified by fostering legislation, agriculture and trading are usually about the only pursuits of any consequence.

The farmers, therefore, may either have, with continued protection, one-half the population as consumers of their food crops at liberal prices, together with a large home demand for their cotton, wool, hides, and day, or they can have, with a return to free trade, this home market continually lessened, and a constant flow of labor and capital from other pursuits into that of agriculture, the men thus forced by foreign competition to change their occupation ceasing to be consumers of farm products, and swelling the already disproportionate number of those engaged in raising them. Bid Edical Acta Breeze and the can be consumers. tionate number of those engaged in raising them. -Philadelphia Press.

A Mammoth Ship.

steam, and there the poor child, who was only thirteen, remained for three mortal hours, the women pouring water on her head from picturesque-shaped gold jars, and every kind of cosmetic and sweet seent being rubbed upon her.

Being unable to stand the intense heat and overpowering smell any longer, we escaped for a time into the open air; but retwared after about an hour to find another thirds going through the same ceremonies. Some of the bridesmaids were very beautifal; one especially, though a Jewess, had the whole scene was like a ballet in the open a, or rather a set of mainds or waternymphs in a picture; not like anything in real life. Their glorious hair floating over their shoulders, with their beautifully modeled arms rounded in graceful curves as they discussed fremselves round the bride, would have distinct a study or painter with wild have distinct as support or painter with wild have distinct as the swiftness of a mail packet, and the solutions or a mail packet, and the solutions of a mail packet, and the content of the prodigious hild foam which her stem piles up when under way, washes, as was expected, clean over her forward deck, and she is often sub-merged aft; but her maskive mid-section rides quictly enough, and those on board her who as and in a small circle, and her speed, as proved in six trials along the measured mile, is not only equal to the promise of her designers, but it exceeds expectation. The mighty engines driving this island of iron with an indicated power of 6,000 horses, with seventy-seven revolutions per minute, got fifteen knots and a half out of the ship, and the mean rate at full steam is thirteen knots and the mean rate at full steam is thirteen knots and the whole seventy seventy seventy seventy seventy seventy or publication.

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